

**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

**Friday, September 17, 2004  
Commission Business Minutes  
LaQuinta Inn and Suites  
1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98421**

**Members Present:**

John Davis, DDS, JD, Chair  
Mark Koday, DDS  
Laurie Fan, DDS  
Russell Timms, DDS Vice Chair  
Fred Quarnstrom, DDS

Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS  
Robin Reinke, DDS,  
Bernard Nelson, Public Member  
Marshall Titus, DDS  
Abdul Alkezweeny, Ph.D, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Mark Paxton, DDS  
George McIntyre, DDS

Lorin Peterson, DDS  
Pramod Sinha, DDS

**Staff Present:**

Lisa Anderson, Health Services Consultant 3  
Lisa Gast, Health Services Consultant 1  
Nancy Smith, Program Representative  
Kim Dinsmore, Administrative Assistant

Kirby Putscher, Acting Executive Director  
Lisa Pannone, Staff Attorney  
Elyette Weinstein, Staff Attorney  
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General

**Others Present:**

Kim Nguyen, Washington State Dental Association  
Robert Shaw, DMD, Washington State Dental Association  
Albert Bird, DDS – Washington State Dental Association  
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienist's Association  
Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental Hygienist's Association  
Joella Pyatt, RDH – Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee

## OPEN SESSION

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER-** *John Davis, DDS, JD Chair*

Dr. Davis publicly acknowledged and thanked Dr. Reinke for her services as past chair and presented her with a plaque in appreciation of her service.

#### 1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

#### 1.2 **Approval of the July 29-31, 2004 meeting minutes-HANDOUT**

The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### 2. **PROGRAM REPORT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, STAFF ATTORNEY-** *Lisa Anderson, Health Services Consultant, Sandra Adix, AAG, Elyette Weinstein, Staff Attorney, Lisa Pannone, Staff Attorney.*

#### 2.1 **Executive Director Search-Update**

Lisa Anderson informed the Commission that she has been participating on the interview panel for Executive Directors for both Section 5-Medical and Section 3, which includes Dental. 41 candidates had initially applied and were screened down to 12 candidates for interview. The intent is to hire a new Executive Director by November 1, 2004. Ms. Anderson advised that Bonnie King, Director of HPQA will be making the final decision for selection of the Unit #3 Executive Director.

#### 2.2 **Staffing Update**

Lisa Anderson informed the Commission that Lisa Gast, Health Services Consultant 1 for the Dental program has decided to leave state service. Her last day in the office will be October 1, 2004. Lisa A. is actively recruiting and will be scheduling interviews for this Health Services Consultant 1 position. Lisa A. hopes to have interviewed qualified candidates and selected a new Health Services Consultant 1 by late October 2004.

#### 2.3 **Introduction of New Assistant Attorney General-Sandra Adix, AAG**

Lisa Anderson introduced the Commission to their new AAG advisor. Ms. Adix will replace Mark Brevard as the Commission's legal advisor. Ms. Adix gave a brief overview of her experience and provided a short overview of the Open Public Meeting Act.

**2.4 Memo dated August 19, 2004 re: New Attorneys General and Changes in Program Assignments**

This was provided to the Commission for their information

**2.5 Discussion re: Non-compliance/Sanctions-Elyette Weinstein, Staff Attorney**

Ms. Weinstein facilitated a discussion on cases currently open for non-compliance. The suggestion was made to put a clause in original final documents that failure to comply will result in immediate suspension of the license until compliance with the sanctions of the Order is met.

**2.6 Budget Reports for June-July 2004.**

This was provided to the commission for their information.

**3. RULES**

**3.1 Review 2003-2005 Business Plan/Rules Status and Priority Matrix**

Ms Anderson provided the Commission with a matrix of all rules within the Dental Practice Act, identifying those that are in need of amendment and a status update and priority rating of each rule or related group of rules. Ms Anderson informed the Commission that approximately 18 rules need amended, some minor, some significant. Due to current staffing levels and workload demands, it is estimated that it would take several years to accomplish and finish this project. WSDA representatives indicated they would name a contact for Anesthesia rule changes.

**4. STAFF/COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

**4.1 WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD - Lorin Peterson, DDS-**

Dr. Peterson is scheduled to participate in an emergency meeting with WREB, and requested the Commission to provide him direction as to how to vote on the proposed National licensure exam process. The Commission presented a motion to direct Dr. Peterson to use his best judgment, given any new facts available to him, as he votes on this issue. WREB is concerned about this proposal and wants to maintain a valid, defensible and reliable exam process.

**4.2 E-mail correspondence dated August 9, 2004 from Fred Quarnstrom, DDS re: Anesthesia Regulations.**

This was provided to the commission for their information. Commission members were advised to follow appropriate channels in introducing new information or concepts to fellow commission members. Sandra Adix provided a brief overview of

the Open Public Meetings Act and the requirements of notice to the public of issues up for discussion. Commission members will be provided copies of the Open Public Meetings Act to retain as a reference document. Ms. Anderson offered to have staff query each state regarding current and pending anesthesia regulations to use as reference once actual review and amendment of these rules begins.

**4.3 E-mail correspondence dated August 9, 2004 from Fred Quarnstrom, DDS re: AED's vs. Synchronized defibrillators**

The Commission agrees that synchronized defibrillators are a benefit to Public Health. They are not required in rule at this time but this will be considered as rules are amended. Nothing prohibits a dental practitioner from purchasing this equipment.

**4.4 Protocol for copying radiographs with a digital camera-Fred Quarnstrom, DDS-(Handouts)**

Dave Magby, Chief Investigator, Investigations Service Unit has been invited to provide a presentation to the Commission on Oct 28, 2004. Information provided by Dr. Quarnstrom regarding the use of digital cameras during investigative processes to photograph x-rays has been presented to Mr. Magby for consideration for use by the investigative services unit.

**5. WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION (WSDA) WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION (WSDHA)**

**5.1 WSDA-Letter dated August 16, 2004 from Mark Walker, President, WSDA, to John Davis, Chair, Dental Commission re: Development of a Dental Commission Newsletter.**

Ms Anderson agrees that a Newsletter would be useful and informative, but indicated that there are not adequate staffing resources available at this time to develop, write, publish and distribute a newsletter. Ms. Anderson will continue to share the Commission's desire for this with DOH management and will continue to look for options for the future.

Dr. Robin Reinke offered to help prepare and draft a newsletter if other logistics could be worked out.

**6. WESTERN REGIONAL EXAM BOARD (WREB)**

**6.1 Memo dated August 17, 2004 from Charles Broadbent, DDS, President, WREB, re: National Examination**

This was addressed in the above item of 4.1

**6.2 Overview Fact Sheet-Lorin Peterson, DDS- SEE ITEM 4.1**

**6.3 Memo w/ attachments dated July 29, 2004 re: July WREB meeting minutes.**

This was addressed see Item 4.1

**6.4 WREB-Memo w/attachments dated September 7, 2004 from Linda Paul re: September 18, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting.**

This was discussed as part of other WREB/National Examination agenda items.

**6.5 WREB-2005 Exam Schedules**

This was provided to the Commission for their information.

**7. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE (CRDTS)**

**7.1 Letter dated August 6, 2004 from Harold Thurman, Executive Director, CRDTS re: dates & locations for 2005 Dental and Dental Hygiene exams.**

This was provided to the Commission for their information.

The steering committee approved all ERC changes to add Chairs and executive members and Hygienists.

**8. AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (ADA)/ AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL EXAMINERS (AADE)/ AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL ADMINISTRATORS (AADA), DENTAL ASSISTING NATIONAL BOARD (DANB)**

**8.1 AADE-Letter dated August 16, 2004 from John C. Cosby, Jr., DMD, President AADE re: National Uniform Exam**

**8.2 AADE- Letter dated August 12, 2004 from Dr. Scott Houfek, Chair, National Uniform Clinical Examination Committee, re: National Uniform Dental And Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination**

**8.3 AADE- The Bulletin newsletter –Summer 2004**

This was provided to the Commission for their information.

**8.4 ADA- Letter dated August 23, 2004 from Sally Podolski, MHA, Manager, Advanced Specialty Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation, re: State Board Participation on Accreditation Site Visit for the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic on October 27-28, 2004.**

Dr. Mark Koday is an employee of the Yakima Valley Farm workers Clinic. Lisa Anderson called and shared this information with Ms. Podolski, and indicated that DQAC would not provide a representative for the site review.

**8.5 AADE-Memo dated August 31, 2004 from Dr. Scott Houfek re: National Uniform Dental and Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination.**

This, in addition to multiple other items related to the creation of a National licensure examination, was provided to the Commission for information and review.

**8.6 ADA-Memo dated August 2004 from Peggy Soeldner re: 2004 Postdoctoral General Dentistry Accreditation Standards Validity and Reliability Study.**

This was provided to the commission for their information

**8.7 AADE- Memo dated September 8, 2004 from Scott Houfek re: Presentation on the National Uniform Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure Examination**

This was provided to the commission for their information

**9. POLICIES/ INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS, OPINIONS**

*Any interpretive statement issued by the Commission is advisory and intended for the guidance of the requesting parties only. The interpretive statement is not legally binding and does not have the force and effect of a duly promulgated regulation or declaratory ruling by the Commission.*

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Items listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine agency matters and will be approved by a single motion of the Commission without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the agenda and placed on the regular business agenda.

**10.1 Letter dated August 17, 2004 from Martha Somerman, DDS, PhD, Dean, University of Washington School of Dentistry, re: approval for additional clinical sites.**

The Commission reviewed the matrix provided by the UW and is requesting additional justification as to why the additional clinical sites should be approved. Ms. Anderson will contact Dean Somerman for additional clarification.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA –**

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**12. NEWSLETTERS/FYI ARTICLES**

- 12.1 Article from the Journal of American Dental Association (JADA) August 2004, re: The relationship between performance in a dental school and performance on a clinical examination for licensure-A nine-year study**
- 12.2 Letter to the Editor from the Snohomish-King County Dental Society Membership Quarterly Newsletter re: DQAC**
- 12.3 The Sentinel-Department of Health Newsletter-July 2004 and August 2004.**
- 12.4 National Practitioner Data Bank –Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank-July 2004.**
- 12.5 Letter from Mark Pincus, M.H.S., Acting Associate Director for Policy and Analysis, Division of Practitioner Data Banks, re: Clarification on how state boards are to report multiple actions taken within one Board order.**
- 12.6 Informational articles re: ABCD Program, University of Washington Dental School offers curriculum to increase early access to dental care; “Dentist takes risk talking on phone, drilling on tooth”, Saturday, August 14, 2004, Spokesman Review.**
- 12.7 Article from the NORDIC REPORT re: cleaning and x-rays.**
- 12.8 Article re: Dental Licensure in New York State, Residency Requirement**

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

*The term “executive session” is commonly understood to mean that part of a regular or special meeting of the governing body that is closed to the public. A governing body may hold an executive session only for specified purposes, which are identified in RCW 42.30.220(1)(a)-(k), and only during a regular or special meeting.*

**The Commission may go into executive session to discuss issues that are appropriate to be handled in closed session such as personnel issues or to obtain legal advice.**

No executive session was convened at this meeting.

**14. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**15. BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The business meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

signature on file  
*Kim Dinsmore, Administrative Assistant*

*Commission Approval By:*

signature on file  
*John S. Davis, DDS, JD, Commission Chair*